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### Message from the Principal

**WHAT DO WE STAND FOR @ KPS? NEW VALUES & VISION**

At Kew Primary School we aim to provide a high functioning learning community that inspires, engages and supports students to achieve their best and become active, compassionate, lifelong learners.

As part of this vision we are launching our new and improved version of our C.A.R.E. values. This is in response to feedback from our students and parents around the need to refresh the values that have served us for a number of years.

The C.A.R.E. acronym remains but now it stands for:

- **Community** = we value a united and high functioning collaborative environment.
- **Achievement** = we value the accomplishment of something special through effort, commitment, drive and focus.
- **Resilience** = we value the ability to cope and thrive in the face of difficulties, challenges or adversity.
- **Empathy** = we value the capacity to place oneself in another’s position.

Stay tuned for more information around our core values and what we are doing to grow these across our school.

**THE POD HAS ARRIVED!**

The big news of the week was the arrival of our new “pod” building. This was delivered on Sunday and has now been set up ready for music lessons to start next week. The building itself looks fantastic and it is another improvement as part of our school facilities. I am not sure how to describe the colour, but I know that it changes depending on the sunlight that reflects off it. Make sure you come up and have a look when you get the chance. It is located in between the Performing Arts and the OSHClub buildings.

### Term Dates 2017

- **Term 1**: 30 Jan - 31 Mar
- **Term 2**: 18 Apr –30 Jun
- **Term 3**: 17 Jul - 22 Sept
- **Term 4**: 9 Oct –22 Dec
COMPASS PERMISSIONS & PAYMENTS
As mentioned late last year, in 2017 we are now using COMPASS for parent payments (including excursions and events), permissions and consents. In doing so we will need to be very strict around the timelines for these payments and permissions. This will enable our staff who are organising these events, including the printing of the forms required to take on an excursion or activity, time to complete these tasks. **All payments and permission to attend must be completed 3 business days prior to the event.** For example, our House swimming sports tomorrow closed yesterday (Wednesday). This process will be strictly enforced and no permission forms will be accepted after this time.

If at any time you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to a payment, please contact me at the school and I can discuss this matter with you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS – AMBULANCE COVER & INSURANCE
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, parents or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

I would encourage you to purchase the appropriate ambulance cover and insurances that meet the needs of your family.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)
A great way to be involved in our school is through our very active Parent & Teacher Association (PTA). This group meets approximately 8 times each year to organise community building and fundraising events. The first meeting of the 2017 PTA will be held next week on Tuesday 14th February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will be organising roles within the group and starting to prepare the list of suggested activities for our school over the year. This list is then approved by School Council.

KPS FATHERS ASSOCIATION
Another way to be involved in our school is through our Fathers Association. This members group began in 2014 and continues to grow with the aim of linking dads, grandads and other special family in with our school community and to each other. Activities are organised each term. The first of these is the annual bowls night coming up on Wednesday 1st March. The event will be held at the MCC Bowling Club in Kew. Look out for the Trybooking link elsewhere in this newsletter.

MEET WITH THE TEACHER - PARENT MEETINGS
Our “Meet the Teacher” - Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 1st March between 4pm and 5.30pm and Thursday 2nd March between 4pm and 6.30pm. The main purpose of these meetings is for parents to meet with the teacher and pass on any relevant information that will assist our students to have a successful year. The meeting is also a valuable part of our Home School Partnership Program.

YEAR 4 CAMP
Well done to our Year 4 campers who spent the first half of this week at the YMCA Recreation Camp at Mt. Evelyn. This camp was very early in the school year but what a way to begin 2017! Thank you to Shenel Raif for her organisation of this camp and thank you to the staff and parents who attended Glenn Hollingsworth, Edin Hrelja, Sia Asvestas, Maria Dugalic, Andrew Wood, Katie Braemar, Angus Burns, Jacki Hopkins and Niall O’Brien.
Message from the Assistant Principal

At Kew PS all staff do take their duty of care towards each and every student very seriously and work diligently to pass on relevant information about each child’s medical needs to the necessary teachers or aides. Currently, we have over 45 students who suffer from asthma and each child needs to have an asthma action plan submitted at the office. All staff have been trained on how to deal with students who are having an asthma attack and know the correct procedures to administer their medications. We are an accredited Asthma Friendly School and pride ourselves on being very proactive when we are dealing with our asthmatic students. If your child suffers from asthma please make sure that we have an updated asthma plan and if this plan does change you need to inform the office staff and class teacher of these changes.

On Tuesday 31st January all the staff were involved in a staff meeting as part of the return to work program for 2017 and a section of this meeting was designated for the staff to have their anaphylaxis training updated. This updated training happens twice a year and is mandated to occur by DET as part of DET employees’ duty of care. We have currently 15 students who can have life threatening reactions to certain allergens. A majority of these students are allergic to nuts and so we ask that you refrain from sending nuts or foodstuffs that contain nuts to school where possible. It is now timely to mention that you should check with the classroom teacher if you wish to send birthday treats to school and please try and ensure that no treats contain traces of nuts. Icy poles are a lovely option but I always think it is a wise move to avoid treats that are food based if possible.

Life does get busy as we all know and, also, traffic can be chaotic at times, which can cause parents to be late for pick up times after school. If this should occur please ring the school so we can let your child know what is happening. Another excellent option is to enrol your child in OSH Club so they can be taken there, given afternoon tea and feel quite calm waiting for you to arrive. Even if you only use OSH Club for these times, your child still needs to be registered before they can attend such a great program.

Finally, UV rays can be so dangerous and it is a DET requirement that all students wear a proper sunhat until the end of April. It is great to see so many of our Kew KS students wearing their Kew hats especially our Preppies. However, whilst on Library duty last week I found a new hat left there, with no name so I couldn’t return it to its rightful owner. Please use a permanent marker pen to name your child’s hat for this very purpose as well as other uniform pieces. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Robin Grace

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos will be held next week on Tuesday 14th February. Don’t forget to wear your neatest school uniform and brush your hair!

SCHOOL HOURS 8.45AM – 3.45PM
I need to remind parents and carers that our school hours are from 8.45am through until 3.45pm each day. At times we have students who arrive well before this time and also some who stay in the school grounds after that time. There is no adult or teacher supervision of students outside of these times and I request that you make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety and well-being of your child.
We are fortunate to have OSHC Club available to provide before and after school care for those families that need it.

Be Worthy!

James Penson
Principal
Kew Primary School
Library news

Library Lovers’ Day is next Tuesday – heart craft for students is available in the library at lunchtime to add to the Library Lovers’ display.

Big news: The library will be open after school on Wednesday and Thursday until 3.45pm for families to visit together for reading, book browsing and borrowing.

Save the date: Carnival Book Fair March 15-16

Coming soon: 2017 Premiers’ Reading Challenge – more information and registration forms will be available in the next few weeks.
BIENVENUE À MÉGANE LESUISSE!

I am delighted to welcome Mégane Lesuisse to KPS this year as our French Language Assistant. Mégane comes from a small town called Lys-Les-Lannoy, near the city of Lille in the north of France. She will be working with me in the middle and senior schools with emphasis on developing the children’s oral/aural skills in particular, as well as sharing many cultural insights unique to her homeland. This is a terrific opportunity to enrich our children’s French language learning. C'est formidable!

Madame Payne.

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**Headlice**

There has been a case of headlice reported in the Prep grades. Please check your child’s hair and if necessary treat them before sending to school.

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**First Aid**

We are looking for a volunteer to help with the First aid laundry. We will not ask you to launder soiled linen. If you are interested please contact the office.
Art Room News

A big thanks to the parents who continue to donate goods to the Art Room. It makes an enormous difference and is greatly appreciated.

Some useful items to donate:

- Buttons
- Felt squares and scraps
- Patterned paper and stationary
- Envelopes
- Any art supplies that are unused and not of use at home (paints, glitter, textas, pencils, etc.)
- Office equipment such as a hole punch, rubber bands, bull dog clips or clipboards
- Craft odds and ends (example: stickers and pom poms)
- Clean jars with lids
- Wool
- Ribbon
- Old cards (birthday etc.)

If you have items to donate but are unsure if they are helpful/needed please email on lo-mas.kerry.m@edumail.vic.gov.au OR come see me in the Art room.

Needed for a Senior School project: Succulents!

We need lots of succulents! If you have a large collection at home and can spare some cuttings, please bring them in! I will have jars ready to put them in water.
Kew PS PTA

What exactly does the Kew Primary PTA do?
Parent-School Partnership, Caring, Connecting, Fun, Community, Fundraising

What can I look for & support throughout the school year?
Peppercorn BBQ (1st term and 4th term)
Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stalls
Mother’s Day & Special Person’s stall (2nd term)
Mother’s Day & Special Person’s Lunch (2nd term)
Lapathon & School Disco
Parent’s Social Night
Father’s Day & Special Person’s stall (3rd term)
Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast (3rd term)
Main Fundraiser – Social Night & Silent auctions

I’d like to be involved, but I don’t have much time
That’s ok, volunteer rosters are advertised via the school newsletter, skoolbag app a few weeks prior to each event. Sign up with friends or by yourself and meet new friends, shifts are broken into ½ hour or 1 hour shifts - every small amount that you feel you can do helps us enormously.

Do I have to go to meetings?
Not if you don’t want to. The meetings are on a Tuesday night 7.30pm, every 6 weeks, short & sweet, 1 hour max, hear news from Mr Penson and learn 1st hand what is happening in our school. Perhaps come to one meeting before a big event just out of interest, if you enjoy it feel free to come along again.

Who will be there?
Mr Penson, 3 teachers and 3 parents; Melanie Eades, Fiona Hollingsworth & Tania Lim plus other parent volunteers. We are happy to run the meetings and organise events so you would be part of a team. If you find you are inspired and have some ideas we’d love to hear them! If you have any questions please e-mail Melanie Eades kewprimaryPTA@yahoo.com.au

How much would you love to help the school?
Please come along to the 1st PTA meeting of the year
On Valentines’ Day
Tuesday 14th February 2017 7.30pm-8.30pm in the staffroom
All welcome
Kew Primary School Fathers Association KPSFA

Annual **Barefoot Bowls Beer and Burger**

Night – At MCC Bowls in Kew

Come along and catch up with the Dads at Kew Primary School, **New Fathers**, Grandfathers etc, particularly welcome J. Great new venue this year with lights and a wagyu burger included.

This is a great chance to get involved with the school and your kids lives, meet with other Fathers and the Principal, James Penson.

**WHEN:** Wed 1st March 2017

To Book:  
https://www.trybooking.com/OTHW

**TIME:** 6.30 to 9.00 pm Barefoot bowls

Includes a Burger

Cold Drinks at Bar prices, First hour drinks are Complementary!

**WHERE:** MCC Kew.

397 Barkers Rd Kew VIC 3101 P: 03 9817 3936

**COST:** $40 per person

Includes a Bowls Coach and Bowls fee plus a Wagyu Burger, Salad, Chips and a beer plus a $5 donation to the school.

**CONTACTS:**  
Rodney Thomson: 0401 890 005

Andrew Stubbings: 0400 143 046

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Kew Primary School Fathers Association

Contacts:

Rodney Thomson - 0401 890 005

The Kew Primary School Fathers Association's purpose is to connect the men in our children’s lives and to demonstrate to our children the importance of good men in our community.
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2017

Term 1 commences on Friday 10th February

Dates: 10/2 – 31/3: (8 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 12.40 – 1.30 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $104.00 (8 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office. Payments can be made online at: www.chess.ideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Go to www.chess.ideas.com.au for our home page, to see upcoming tournaments and events.

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2017
(Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________________ GRADE: __________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________ Ph. #: __________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ___________________________ CARD TYPE: __________

CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: __________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________

Please enclose $104.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
Dear Parents,

The Mandarin after-school Program for year 2016 has completed on Monday 12 December and Tuesday 13 December.

Please nominate which class you wish your child to attend as next term classes (term 1 2017) will be beginning on Monday 6 February and Tuesday 7 February 2017.

Please email us which date you choose via melbchineseschool@gmail.com by 31 January 2017 for term 1 2017.

Many Thanks,

Melissa Liu

Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $18.90 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2017.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativeducmusic.com.au

www.creativeducmusic.com.au

Join Drama Time at Kew Primary!

An exciting and rewarding drama program for primary school children!

Prep - Grade 2 Tuesdays 12:15pm - 1:30pm
Grade 3 - Grade 6 Thursdays 12:15pm - 1:30pm
Classes take place in the OSU Club room.

To enrol visit www.dramatime.com.au and click enrolments or phone 9523 0977

Only $14.50 per class!

Enrolments open throughout the term.

"Eden loves her Drama class. She always comes home on Tuesdays with great stories from the session."

Parent

St Finbar's PS Brighton

"Thank you so much for having Susie. She talks about Drama Time constantly and just loves it. I love hearing about the wonderfully creative things she does in that class."

Parent

Carrum PS

"Enrique's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."  

Parent

Brighton Beach PS